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SUBJ: CORAL SEA VISITOR

REF: A. CANBERRA 1073 B. STATE 35260

1. WITH EXCEPTION 1974, PAST PRACTICE HAS BEEN FOR CORAL
SEA VISITOR TO REPRESENT UNITED STATES IN BOTH AUSTRALIA
AND NEW ZEALAND. IMPLICATION OF REFTEL A IS THAT SECRETARY
WEINBERGER WILL ATTEND CORAL SEA CELEBRATIONS IN AUSTRALIA
ONLY. (EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED REFTEL B WHICH
PRESUMABLY OUTLINES WEINBERGER SCHEDULE.) IF THIS IS
IN FACT THE CASE, EMBASSY WELLINGTON WOULD BE PLEASED TO
SUBMIT SHORT LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WE BELIEVE COULD
REPRESENT US IN NEW ZEALAND. WE WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED
TO RECEIVE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REGARD,
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BEARING IN MIND THAT CORAL SEA VISITOR TO NEW ZEALAND

WILL HAVE TO BE INDIVIDUAL OF CONSIDERABLE STATURE SO AS
NOT TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY TRANS-TASMAN PROTOCOL PROBLEMS.

2. IF SECRETARY WEINBERGER CAN ALSO VISIT NEW ZEALAND
WE WILL BE PLEASED TO WELCOME HIM. HOWEVER, TIMING WILL
HAVE TO COINCIDE WITH CORAL SEA CELEBRATION DATES
(MAY 2-14). MINIMUM OF FOUR, AND PREFERABLE FIVE, DAYS
SHOULD BE ALLOTTED FOR NEW ZEALAND PORTION OF TRIP.

3. WITH EMBASSY CANBERRA WE ARE INTERESTED IN RESOLVING
CORAL SEA VISITOR QUESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER
GO AHEAD WITH PROGRAM PLANNING. REQUEST REPLY ASAP.
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